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**ODESSA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that Dennis Heldt, 50, of Odessa, Texas, faces up to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to credit card fraud and identity theft.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt yesterday, Heldt admitted that on twenty six separate occasions beginning in April 2007 and continuing through July 2008, Heldt broke into vehicles in Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa, stole credit cards out of those vehicles, and used the credit cards without the knowledge or consent of the person to whom it had been issued. Heldt is scheduled to be sentenced on December 16, 2008.

The case was investigated by the Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa Police Departments. Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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